

F-6-71

Ca. 1800-1840

Motter House and Tenant House

Emmitsburg vicinity

Private

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Emmitsburg
Frederick County

HISTORIC CONTEXT:

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization: Piedmont
(Harford, Baltimore, Carroll, Frederick, Howard, Montgomery
Counties, and Baltimore City)

Chronological/Development Period:
Rural Agrarian Intensification 1680-1815
Agricultural-Industrial Transition 1815-1870
Industrial/Urban Dominance 1870-1930

Prehistoric/Historic Period Themes:
Architecture, Landscape Architecture and Community Planning
Economic (Commercial & Industrial)

Resource Type:
Category: Buildings

Historic Environment: Rural

Historic Function and Use:
Domestic/single dwelling/residence
Domestic/secondary structure/tenant house, garage

Known Design Source: None

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4.1 Owner of Property

Motter House

Lewis S. & Sally S. Grandstaff
10647 Harney Road
Emmitsburg, MD 21727

Tenant House

Dr. William R. Cadle
10635 Harney Road
Emmitsburg, MD 21727

Maryland Historical Trust

State Historic Sites Inventory Form

MARYLAND HISTORIC
PROPERTY

Magi No.

DOE ___yes ___no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Motter House and Tenant House

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 10647 and 10635 Harney Road ___ not for publication

city, town Emmitsburg ___X___ vicinity of congressional district 6th

state Maryland county Frederick

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
___ district	___ public	___X___ occupied	___ agriculture
___X___ building(s)	___X___ private	___ unoccupied	___ commercial
___ structure	___ both	___ work in progress	___ educational
___ site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	___ entertainment
___ object	___ in process	___X___ yes: restricted	___ government
	___ being considered	___ yes: unrestricted	___ industrial
	___X___ not applicable	___ no	___ military
			___ museum
			___ park
			___X___ private residence
			___ religious
			___ scientific
			___ transportation
			___ other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name See attached list

street & number telephone no.:

city, town state and zip code

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Frederick County Courthouse liber

street & number 100 W. Patrick Street folio

city, town Frederick state Md. 21701

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title Anthony James Survey

date 1974 ___ federal ___ state ___ county ___X___ local

pository for survey records Frederick County Planning & Zoning Dept.

city, town Frederick state Maryland

7. Description

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Condition

☐ excellent

☒ good

☐ fair

☐ deteriorated

☐ ruins

☐ unexposed

Check one

☐ unaltered

☒ altered

Check one

☒ original site

☐ moved

date of move

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

(Typed on separate sheet)

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400–1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500–1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600–1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates

Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☒ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

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9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. F-6-71

Atlas of Frederick County, Maryland, C.O. Titus and Co., Philadelphia, 1873.
Map of Frederick County, Maryland, Isaac Bond, Baltimore, 1858.
A Map of Frederick and Washington Counties, Maryland, Charles Varle, Philadelphia, 1808.
Williams, T.J.C. History of Frederick County, Maryland, L.R. Titsworth & Co., Frederick 1910.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name Emmitsburg, MD QuadrangleQuadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Verbal boundary description and justification

Mottter House - Tax Map 9, Parcel 101- imps. lot #1, 6-203 acres

Tenant House - Tax Map 9, Parcel 66 - imps. lot #1, 1.23 acres

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

name/title Mary Kendall Shipe, Historic Sites Surveyororganization Frederick County Planning & Zoning Dept. date June, 1991street & number 12 E. Church Street telephone 696-2958city or town Frederick state Md. 21701

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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5.1 Location of Legal Description

Motter House

liber: 817
folio: 699

Tenant House

liber: 469
folio: 214

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7.1 Description:

The Motter House and Tenant House are located on the south side of Harney Road, several yards apart, in the vicinity of Emmitsburg, Maryland. Both face west with orientation to Middle Creek. The two story brick house and the one and 1/2 story brick tenant house represent a former industrial community that is no longer physically evident. This nineteenth century community included milling operations, a distillery, and a woolen factory and was clustered around Middle Creek.

MAIN HOUSE (10647 Harney Road):

The main house was constructed in two sections; the original section circa 1800 and the later main block, circa 1815. The earliest section is of brick construction, laid in flemish bond on the main facade and 6:1 common bond on the other elevations, and has a dogtooth cornice. It is two stories on a stone foundation with a symmetrical 2 bay facade and a gable roof of standing seam tin. One interior end brick chimney is located at the east gable end. The later main section was connected to the west wall of the original house. It is also of brick construction laid in flemish bond brick on the north and west elevations and 5:1 common bond on the south and east elevations and rests on a stone foundation. It is two stories with a symmetrical 5 bay facade and a gable roof of standing seam tin. Two large interior brick chimneys are located on the gable ends.

The principal facade of the main section faces west towards the creek. It has 5 bays with a central entrance on the first and second floors; both entrances have rounded arches above Adamesque fanlights and panelled doors. Windows are 6/6 lights with jack arches. Marks through the middle of the facade indicate a former porchline. There is a wooden molded cornice. The east elevation has a corbelled cornice and random glazed headers. Windows are 6/6 with jack arches. The south elevation is 3 bays wide with symmetrical placement of 6/6 windows with jack arches. There are two basement windows with jack arches and two 4 light attic windows. The north elevation is 4 bays on the first floor; 3 bays on the second. An off center entrance has a panelled door with a rounded arch above a fanlight. Windows are 6/6 with jack arches. Two attic windows have been filled in.

The main facade of the original section faces north. It has two bays with side door placement and 6/6 windows. The panelled door has a round arch above a fanlight. The east elevation has random glazed headers. There is one bay in the first floor with a 6/6 window and a jack arch. Two attic windows are 4 light fixed windows. The south elevation has three bays with a two bay recessed double porch. The last bay is flush with the porch. The porch has been enclosed with weatherboard and new windows. Other openings in the elevation have 6/6 windows with jack arches. There is also a corbelled cornice.

7.2 Description (Continued)

TENANT HOUSE (10635 Harney Road):

Constructed circa 1840, the one and 1/2 story brick house of 5:1 common bond has a gable roof of standing seam tin. Two interior brick chimneys are located on the gable ends. Bargeboard with a scalloped design hangs below the cornice.

The principal elevation faces west towards the creek. It has a 4 bay facade, asymmetrically placed. The first floor has 6/6 windows with soldier courses as lintels. An off center entrance has pilasters and molding surrounding the panelled door. The second story has 3/3 windows. There are two basement windows with flat lintels. The east elevation has 4 asymmetrical bays. An off-center dormer, sheathed in aluminum, is in the roofline. A one story enclosed porch covers three of the bays. The other bay has a 2 sectioned casement window with 6/6 lights in each section. An panelled off-center door has a flat lintel. The second floor has 3/3 windows and a 1 light window. Windows throughout have flat wood lintels. The south elevation is 2 bays wide. Windows are 6/6 with one 2 sectioned casement window in the first floor. Two doors are located in the stone basement level. Windows and doors have flat wood lintels. The north elevation has four bays on the first floor with 2 center panelled doors and 2 6/6 windows. The second floor has 2 6/6 windows.

A one story garage is located several feet to the south of the house. The gable roof of standing seam tin runs east to west and the garage door is in the west gable end. It is of running bond brick construction. It was probably constructed in the early twentieth century.

Other elements of the former community include the remains of a bank barn that accompanied the main house and was located on the north side of Harney Road and the mill site on the creek.

8.1 Significance:

The Motter House and Tenant House are significant in representing the remaining resources of a nineteenth century industrial community on Middle Creek. The main house (circa 1800-1815) shows details of the Adamesque period in architecture and indicates a prosperous owner. The types of industrial activity occurring in the immediate community by the mid-1800s included mills, a distillery and a woolen factory and further substantiate the prosperity suggested by the principal residence.

Many mill communities probably flourished in Frederick County during the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries. Today, few of those communities have survived. One such community, Black's Mill District (F-6-70), has a small number of buildings intact that exemplify a mill community in the county even though the industrial structures are no longer standing. Like elements from this district, the Motter House and Tenant House, in scale and design, clearly demonstrate the significance of a former industrial community as an important focal point of the region in the nineteenth century.

A small community centered around industrial activity began to develop in the early 1800s. By 1808, a grist mill and a fulling mill operated on the creek. The Motter House had probably been constructed by that time. By circa 1815, the building was expanded into a more substantial house with elegant Adamesque detailing that could accommodate a prosperous mill owner. The accompanying tenant building may have housed an overseer or a mill operator.

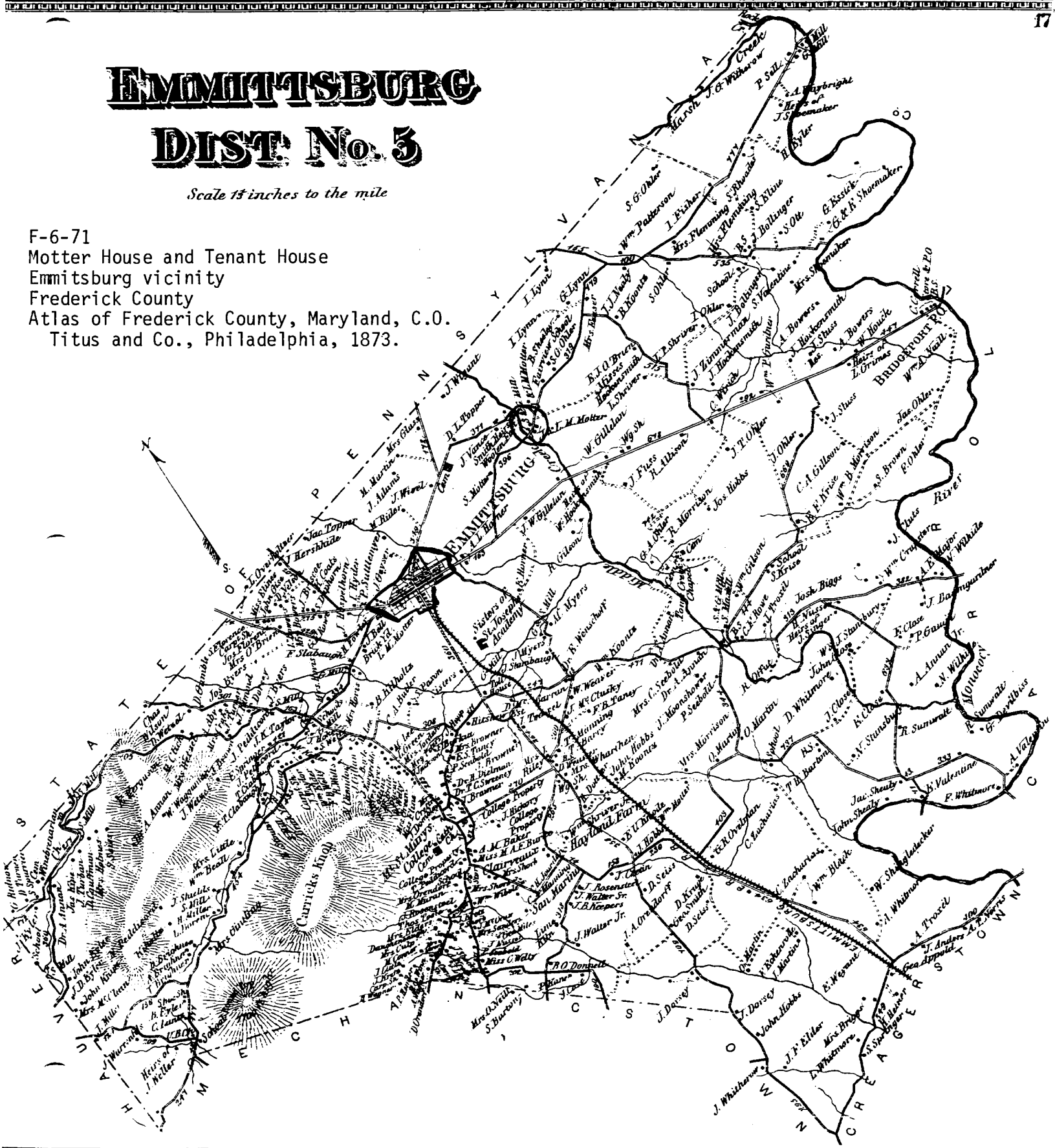
By 1858, the community included a woolen factory, a distillery, a schoolhouse, a grist and saw mill and a few residences. P. Grabill resided in the main house at that time. A number of the industrial buildings and the main house and tenant house were associated with the Motter family by 1873. The Motters were a prominent family in the Emmitsburg region and were involved in business pursuits in the area. J. and L.M. Motter were connected with the main house and tenant house, the saw and grist mill and possibly the woolen factory. (There were several woolen mills located in the county by the mid-nineteenth century; farmers brought their wool to be manufactured into blankets and clothing as they brought grain to the mills. Williams, Vol. I, 271)

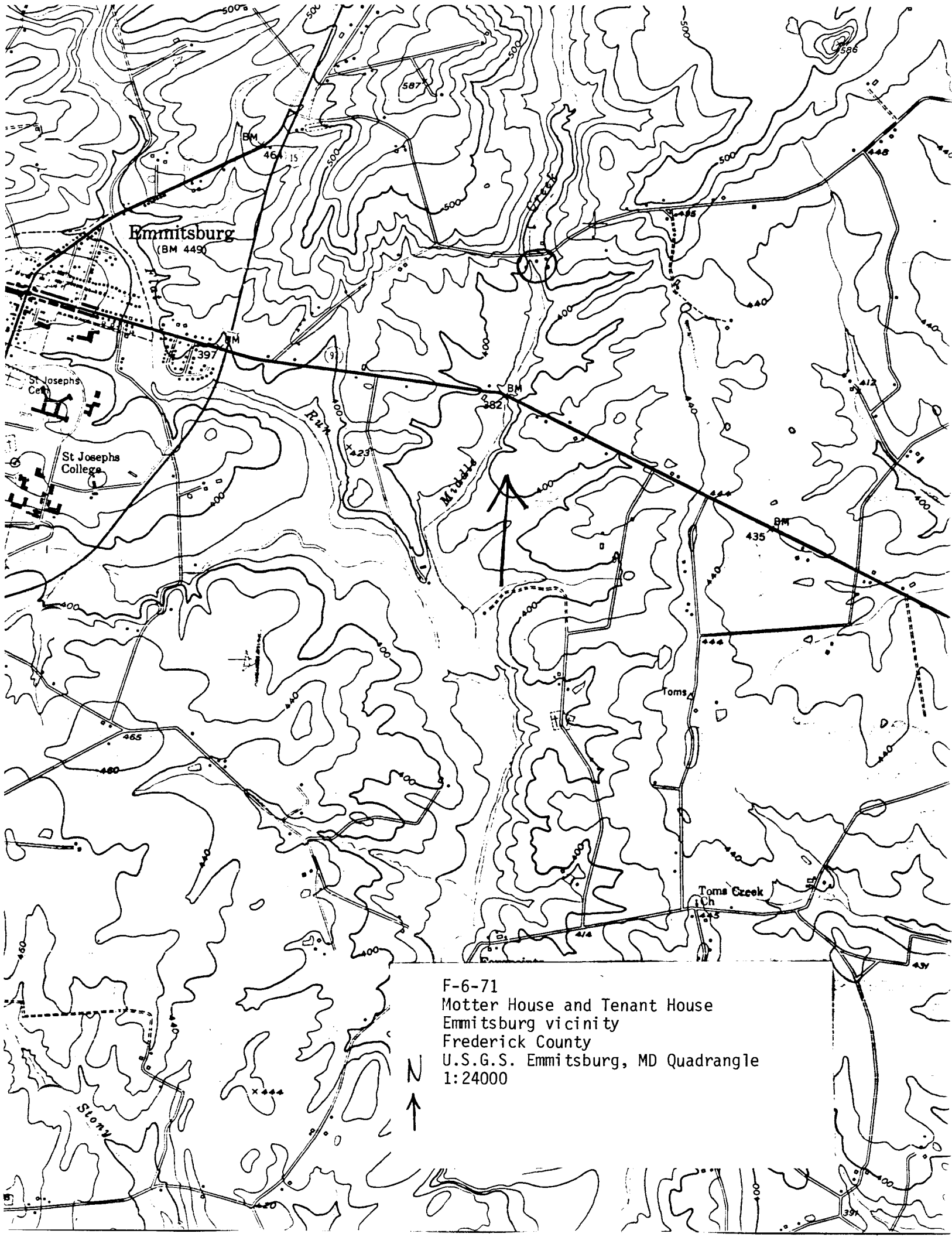
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DIST. No. 3

Scale 1 1/2 inches to the mile

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Frederick County
Atlas of Frederick County, Maryland, C.O.
Titus and Co., Philadelphia, 1873.





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Mott House and Tenant House
Emmitsburg vicinity
Frederick County
U.S.G.S. Emmitsburg, MD Quadrangle
1:24000



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Mother House and Tenant House

10647 Harney Road

Emmitsburg vicinity

Fredrick County

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West elevation - Main House



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Master House and Tenant House

10647 Harney Road

Emmitsburg vicinity

Frederick County

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North elevation - Main House

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Master House and Tenant House

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Emmitsburg vicinity

Frederick County

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Southeast corner view - Main House



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Master House and Tenant House

10635 Harney Road

Emmitsburg vicinity

Frederick County

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West elevation - Tenant House



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Mother House and Tenant House

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Emmitsburg vicinity

Fredenck County

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Crumsville MD

northeast corner view - Tenant House

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